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C O N F I D E N T I A L LONDON 04327

FOR L FROM USDEL ANTARCTICA

E.O.11652: GDS  
TAGS: XV, PLOS, EFIS  
SUBJECT: LOS: AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND UNILATERAL  
ECONOMIC ZONES

1. AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND REPS TO ANTARCTIC MEETING  
HAVE MENTIONED TO U.S. REPS THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS ARE  
PLANNING UNILATERAL DECLARATIONS OF 200-MILE ECONOMIC  
ZONES THIS YEAR.
2. NEW ZEALAND REP (KEATING) INDICATED GONZ EMBASSY  
WASHINGTON WILL CONSULT WITH DEPARTMENT WHEN THEIR THINK-  
ING IS A BIT FURTHER ALONG, BUT THAT ECONOMIC ZONE AND  
NOT REPEAT NOT FISHERIES ZONE IS NECESSARY BECAUSE OF  
DEEP SEABED MINERALS WITHIN 200 MILES OF DEPENDENT IS-  
LANDS. GONZ UNCLEAR WHETHER TO INCLUDE "ROSS DEPENDENCY"  
IN THE EXTENSION. U.S. DELOFF (BURTON) INDICATED U.S.  
WOULD NOT RECOGNIZE ECONOMIC ZONE AND MIGHT WELL CONSIDER  
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ECONOMIC ZONE OFF ROSS DEPENDENCY A VIOLATION OF ARTICLE  
IV, ANTARCTIC TREATY. KEATING SUGGESTED POLLUTION AND  
SCIENCE ASPECTS OF EEZ MIGHT BE ENABLING LEGISLATION TO  
BE IMPLEMENTED UPON CONCLUSION OF THE LOS TREATY.

3. GOA REPS (BRENNAN AND LAUTERPACHT) HAVE INVITED AMB.  
BREWSTER AND BURTON TO LUNCH FRIDAY TO DISCUSS ANTARCTIC

MATTERS AND, SPECIFICALLY, CONTEMPLATED AUSTRALIAN UNILATERAL ECONOMIC ZONE. WE WOULD PLAN TO (1) SEEK TO DISSUADE GOA FROM ECONOMIC ZONE APPROACH VICE FISHERIES ZONE; (2) INDICATE THAT, WHILE MATTER HAS NOT BEEN FULLY RESEARCHED, WE BELIEVE AUSTRALIAN ECONOMIC ZONE WOULD BE REGARDED BY THE USG AS A VIOLATION OF ARTICLE IV OF THE ANTARCTIC TREATY; AND (3) AVOID ANY BUT THE MOST GENERAL DISCUSSION OF LOS CONFERENCE ISSUES.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE, IF ANY, IS REQUESTED BY OPENING OF BUSINESS LONDON, FRIDAY, MARCH 18.

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